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Re: Dispute Settlement

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Judge Kolar Kottely
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Dear Judge Kottely,

This letter is in regard to the Microsoft settlement. As a company founder and vice president of E-Markets, I have to make tough decisions every day. Sometimes I have to make a quick judgment with little information to go on and other times it is a long, drawn-out process with reams of data to analyze and no particular time limit. Based on the information I've seen, the Microsoft settlement is a good deal and should be accepted by all parties.

Microsoft agrees to a host of new provisions that provide for a fair settlement; they established new relations with computer manufacturers, and agree to share intellectual property. It seems to me that Microsoft has already done a lot of good with the money it has made, and this agreement is worth accepting. One of the details I read about in the news, and it seems very fair, states that Microsoft consents to the establishment of a "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement. Anyone who believes that Microsoft is not complying with the settlement will be free to lodge a complaint with an "Internal Compliance Officer" at Microsoft (established by the settlement), the Department of Justice or any of the state plaintiffs that are parties to the settlement.

I support this settlement. Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

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